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SUBJECT: CONTINED ISRAELI RESPONSE TO VIENNA MEETING
1. FOREIGN MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN RESPONDED SHARPLY
AND CRITICALLY LAST NIGHT (JULY 11) TO THE FORMULA
PUBLISHED IN VIENNA AFTER THE PERES-SADAT MEETING.
THIS MORNING (JULY 12) HAARETZ (MARGALITH) AND
JERUSALEM POST (BRILLIANT) BOTH HEADLINE DAYAN'S
REMARKS BEFORE A LIKUD KNESSET FACTION MEETING.
POST QUOTES DAYAN AS HAVING SAID, "ALL THEY DID
WAS TO TAKE CARTER AND SADAT'S ASWAN FORMULA.
THEY TALKED ABOUT THE RESOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN
PROBLEM...AND IN DOING SO, (SAID) THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES
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SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. ASK ANY ARAB
FROM NABLUS WHO THAT IS, "AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO THE
PLO. DAYAN CLEARLY DISTINGUISHED THIS LANGUAGE FROM
THE ISRAELI POSITION WHICH FAVORS NEGOTIATIONS WITH
PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVES "RESIDING IN THE AREA."
DAYAN ALSO CRITICIZED LABOR PARTY LEADERS FOR MOVING
TOWARD ACCEPTING ARAB-AMERICAN CONCEPTS SUCH AS MINOR

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BORDER ADJUSTMENTS AND A MILITARY PRESENCE ON THE
EST BANK FOR ISRAEL WITH NO SOVEREIGNTY IN THE PLANNED
BASES. HE CHARGED THESE LEADERS WITH TRYING TO RETURN
TO POWER BY CREATING AN IMPRESSION THAT PERES OFFERED
BETTER CHANCES OF ATTAINING PEACE THAN THE LIKUD.

2. OTHER REPORTED RESPONSES IN JERUSALEM CONTINUE TO
BE MIXED. HAARETZ (BENZIMAN) CLAIMS UNOFFICIAL ASSESS-
MENTS ARE THAT THE DECLARATION IS MORE MODERATE THAN
THE EC-9 DECLARATION, BUT THAT IT ALSO INCLUDES SOME
PROBLEMATIC LANGUAGE, SUCH AS "SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN
PROBLEM 'IN ALL ITS ASPECTS' "... AND "GRANTING THE 'ELECTED
REPRESENTATIVES' OF 'THE PALESTINIANS' THE RIGHT TO
PARTICIPATE IN DETERMINING THEIR FUTURE." BENZIMAN ALSO
HOLDS THERE IS CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT IN GOVERNMENT
CIRCLES AT PERES' MOVE; NOT ONLY THAT HE AS LEADER OF
THE OPPOSITION IS HOLDING MEETINGS WITH SADAT, BUT
THAT HE HAS EVEN INITIATED A SET OF PRICIPLES.

3. BENZIMAN ALSO CALIMS IT WAS MK ABBA EBAN (LABOR)
WHO ORIGINALLY DRAFTED THE DOCUMENT AT THE GGSAEST
OF PERES BEFORE PERES LEFT FOR VIENNA. THE FORMULA
WAS THEN ACCEPTED BY BOTH BRANDT AND KREISKY.
MA'ARIV (TIROSH) ECHOES THE BENZIMAN REPORT, ASSERTING
THAT EBAN REVEALED HIS AUTHORSHIP LAST NIGHT, AND
ADDING THAT ONLY MINOR CHANGES HAD BEEN INSERTED IN
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THE ORGINAL DRAFT. BENZIMAN SAYS EBAN STRESSED
THAT IN HIS DRAFT HE TRIED TO DRAW THE ISRAELI AND
SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL POSITIONS CLOSER TOGETHER.
HOWEVER, EMBAN'S ASSOCIATES STRESSED THIS DID NOT MEAN
EBAN GAVE HIS BLESSING TO THE PRESENTATION OF THE
DOCUMENT AS A PRODUCT OF THE PEREES-SADAT TALKS.

4. EDITORIAL COMMENT JULY 12 IS MIXED. YEDIOT
WRITES, "WE WERE NOT IMPRESSED BY THE KREISKY-SCHMIDT
(BRANDT) DECLARATION ON A SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT...
EVEN THOUGH IT SEEMS TO BE MORE MODERATE THAN THEIR
PREVIOUS DECLARATIONS...THE SOCIALIST INTER-
NATIONAL HAS NO STATUS IN THE POLITICAL WORLD OF OUR
DAY, AND...NO INFLUENCE -- NOT ON ELEMENTS OUTSIDE
THE INTERNATIONAL, NOR EVEN ON ITS PARTIES IN THE
VARIOUS COUNTRIES...WHILE FAVORABLE STATEMENTS...ARE
PREFERABLE TO OPENLY PRO-EGYPTIAN ONES --THERE IS
UNFORTUNATELY NO REASON FOR US TO BECOME EXCITED BY
THEM."

5. MA'ARIV STRESSES THAT BECAUSE THE DOCUMENT IS
DELIBERATELY VAGUE, EVERY PARTY CAN SUIT THE DOCUMENT

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TO ITS OWN POSITIONS. "A BRILLIANT FORMULA, "MA'ARIV WRITES, WHICH CAN BE INTERPRETED IN ANY MANNER NECESSARY FOR A GIVEN OCCASION. IF ABBA EBAN IS THE TRUE AUTHOR, HE CAN BE PROUD OF HIS ACHIEVEMENT: HE HAS PRODUCED A PAPER TO SATISFY ALL PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE, EXCEPT MSOHE DAYAN.

6. DAVAR'S BLOCH DISAGREES WITH THESE ASSESSMENTS. BLOCK WRITES THAT THE VIENNA MEETING WAS WHOLLY SUCCESS-FUL, EVEN FROM A NATIONAL ISRAELI POINT OF VIEW. TAKING NOTE OF DAYAN'S CRITICAL RESPONSE TO THE VIENNA DOCUMENT, BLOCH WRITES, "DAYAN IS INTOLERANT OF ANY INDIVIDUAL MEETING WITH SADAT, STARTING WITH WEIZMAN AND ENDING WITH SHIMON PERES." BLOCH BELIEVES THE MEETING WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT PROVES THE CHANCES FOR NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN EXHAUSTED, AND THAT THE EGYPTIAN POSITINS, AS EXPRESSED IN THE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL, ARE ONLY INITIAL OPENING MOVES. "BRAINWASHED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION," BLOCH CONTINUES, "THE ISRAELI PUBLIC IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE EGYPTIAN POSITION IS WHOLLY NEGATIVE AND HARDLINE. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT THE PUBLIC BE TOLD THE TRUTH. IN ITS LATEST FORMULATION THE EGYPTIAN POSITION IS, ADMITTEDLY, NOT ACCEPTABLE...BUT IF THAT STAND IS NO ULTIMATIVE PRECONDITION, THERE IS...SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT WITH THE EGYPTIANS." YEDIOT'S GUINEY AGREES WITH BLOCH'S ASSERTION THAT THE VIENNA TALKS PROVE THE EGYPTIAN COUNTER-PROPOSALS REPRESENT ONLY AN OPENING POSITION FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS.
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